



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

#### Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2010

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Tower

Grand Canyon Room

1700 West Washington

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

#### **Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present**

Kati Bates, Charles Brown, George Evanoff, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods, Larry Woods, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Tammy Frazee, Don Ritchie, and Pam Stevenson

#### **Council Members Absent**

Dana Campbell Saylor, Neva Crogan Pomilla, Marilyn Johnson, Simone Kelsh, Barry Spiker, and Karen Zanzucchi

#### **Council Staff Present**

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott and Elsa Gaynor

#### **Guests Present**

Dr. Roy Yaari, Virginia Brant and Sigrid Whitman

#### **Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions Review & Approval of Committee Minutes**

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and a welcome and introduction period followed. Council Chair George Evanoff thanked former Council Member Bill Engler for his work as LPCC Committee Chair and welcomed Charles Brown as the new Committee Chair. Minutes from the May 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed. *George Evanoff made a motion to approve the May 6, 2010 minutes as presented and Noreen Nickerson-Cruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Updates & Discussion**

##### **LPCC Partners**

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa indicated letters inviting potential partners identified by LPCC and/or Council members were mailed to the Arizona Education Association, Retired, Arizona Senior Center Association, Inc., Centers for Law in the Public Interest in both Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, Coalition for Compassionate Justice, and the East Valley Committee on Aging. Responses were received from the Education Association and the East Valley Committee on Aging. Additional suggestions for LPCC membership should be forwarded to Ms. De Lisa.

##### **LPCC Priorities**

As part of the LPCC transit priority, Ms. De Lisa stated feedback received on older driver safety programs included Banner Alzheimer's Institute, Driveable Solutions, AAA, American Medical

Association, and AARP. According to Ms. De Lisa, today's presentation by Dr. Yaari is the kickoff to exploration of existing programs then research of existing state legislation affecting older drivers.

### Legislative Update

Ms. De Lisa reminded Committee Members that the latest *Legislative Update* included links to the Legislative Council's analyses and ballot measures description for the fall election. A copy of the 2010 Primary Election Full Listing (candidates) as posted at the Secretary of State's website was circulated along with a copy of the Legislative Council's ballot analyses. Ideas for future Legislative Updates content were provided from LPCC members. Ms. De Lisa reminded Committee Members that a copy of the "Rights of Non-Profits to Do Advocacy" from Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (PAFCO) was provided at the sign in table.

A copy of the 2010 Primary Election Full Listing, the Legislative Council's ballot analyses, and the PAFCO "Rights of Non-Profits to Do Advocacy" are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

### Presentation & Discussion– Older Driver Safety

Dr. Roy Yaari, Associate Director, Banner Alzheimer's Institute Memory Disorders Clinic provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the complete process Memory Disorders Clinic staff use to help older drivers with dementia and their families/friends determine when driving is no longer possible. After answering questions, Dr. Yaari suggested the Council consider the challenges shared in trying to balance an individual's desire for independence with safety when researching existing state legislation impacting older drivers and developing any recommendations for future state legislation. The newly-released *Practice Parameter update: Evaluation and management of driving risk in dementia: Report of the Quality Standards subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology* was provided as a handout by Dr. Yaari.

Copies of Dr. Yaari's PowerPoint presentation and *Practice Parameter update: Evaluation and management of driving risk in dementia: Report of the Quality Standards subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology* are both available for review through the Council on Aging office.

### Input on Future Presentations & Discussions

Members of LPCC suggested having a presentation on advocacy and vs. lobbying, a presentation from the Corporation Commission, and any updates on the sunset of the payday loan industry. Members also suggested having legislators and staff present priorities for the 2011 Regular Session just prior to the start of the session in January.

### Announcements

- Pam Stevenson from the Attorney General's office stated their office has established Operation Sunset in regard to payday loans and will investigate and monitor complaints and she offered to provide further information at a future meeting.
- Tammy Frazee from DES/Division of Aging and Adult Services stated LPCC members might be interested in the National Criminal Background Check Grant Solicitation announced by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Services

### Next Steps

1. Tammy Frazee will provide the Notification of National Criminal Background Check Federal Matching Grants Solicitation under Section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act to GACA Staff who will email the information to LPCC members.
2. GACA staff will research and vet suggestions for LPCC speakers and arrange with the Council Chair and LPCC Chair, accordingly.

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Charles Brown at 11:18 a.m.*

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee will be September 23, 2010. Location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website**

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